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FOR: USE OF PROLINE SPECIFIC ENDOPROTEASES TO HYDROLYSE PEPTIDES
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To indicate the relevance of foreign language documents, also enclosed are (1) an English abstract of DD 269 999, (2) an English summary is at pg. 140 of Krainick et al., and (3) an English portion of Kleinbaum et al.

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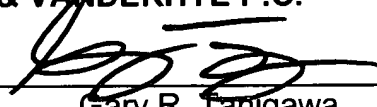
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Respectfully submitted,

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